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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/997,233

Filed: November 30, 2001

For: Improved Convection of Absorbent

Cores Providing Enhanced Thermal

Transmittance

DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition applicant filed on January 7, 2003 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII, thus the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact John Kittle by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700/2900, Box Design, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0873 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3139.

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